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Labor girds for June 7 vote!

REPORT

To Our Reader - Owners

'FIT TO PRINT'

Congressman Wright Patman, Texas Democrat, chairman of the House Small Business Committee, has asked the Federal Trade Commission to decide whether the New York Times' famous slogan, "All the news that's fit to print," violates the law. Patman says the Times certainly does not print all the news and rarely prints the important news concerning operations of the Federal Government.

The Congressman is afraid that "this questionable claim has a tendency to make the public believe, and probably does make the public believe, that the New York Times is superior to other newspapers which must compete with it."

Unfortunately, the New York Times is superior to other newspapers, a fact which has worried students of journalism for some time, who regret that more newspapers in America can't at least approximate the excellence of the big New York daily.

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Technically, of course, Patman has a point: in a sense it's misrepresentation to claim that the paper prints ALL the news that's fit to print. But surely even Mr. Patman can get it through his head that the slogan is merely a concise way of asserting that the paper makes a great effort to print most of the important news, and to leave out the trash.

Just what the important news about the Federal Government is which the Times fails to print one doesn't know. Could it be that the paper hasn't published the distinguished Congressman's name as often lately as he considers advisable?

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GARBAGE GAZETTES

The real problem, as already suggested above, is how to produce more papers in this country that are anywhere near as good as the Times.

It would seem as though our own Bay Area could support at least one really good daily containing most of the news that's fit to print, let's say, and leaving out all, or most, of the news that isn't fit to print, but that does get printed in our Bay Area garbage gazettes.

UC REGENT HAGGERTY'S testimonial dinner in connection with the Earl Warren Legal Center drive has been canceled due to the press of other union business.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

Labor endorses Stanley, Moore as Supervisors

With the endorsement of Chester "Chet" Stanley, incumbent in the 1st Supervisorial District, and Boliver Moore, candidate in the 5th Supervisorial District, organized labor's Council for Political Education (COPE) had this week completed its recommendations for the June 7 primary election.

Ed Reith, COPE director for Alameda County, stressed the extreme importance of every registered voter casting his or her ballot on June 7.

"The fact that in some cases there is no opposing candidate running for the same party as labor's candidate," said Reith, "is no reason why a labor voter should stay away from the polls. Fact is, such a situation makes it all the more important to turn out and vote for labor's unopposed candidate."

"If the candidate NOT endorsed by labor receives a high vote in the primary, and labor's candidate, running on a different party ticket, receives a low vote in the primary, the impression will be created that our man has no chance of winning in the general election, and that might mean his defeat in the general election."

Reith especially stressed this in the cases of Congressman Jeffery Cohelan and Congressman George P. Miller in the 7th and 8th Districts, respectively.

"A good big vote is needed for both Cohelan and Miller," said Reith, "in the June 7 primary. It's the first big and important step toward getting them re-elected in the general election in November."

COPE Secretary Robert S. Ash has at the Central Labor Council office a supply of Cohelan and Miller bumper strips which labor people can place on their cars, the Cohelan one for residents of the 7th District and the Miller one for those in the 8th District. These can also be gotten at the Building Trades Council office or at East Bay

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Lou Horning, old time painter, dies

Lou Horning, a long time member of Painters 127, and a former vice president of Painters District Council 16, died Sunday night.

He had retired some time ago due to a heart ailment, but the final attack came somewhat as a surprise, as he had seemed getting along pretty well.

Horning resided at 1145 Ranleigh. He is survived by his wife and daughter.



PICKET LINES in front of S. H. Kress Co. at 14th and Broadway are reinforced by members of unions affiliated with the Alameda County Central Labor Council and COPE, protesting the chain's segregation policy at its lunch counters in the South. Those present included (left to right): Ed Steele, Cleaners 3009; Gus Billy Jr., son of the chairman of the 17th Assembly District COPE; Mrs. Billy; Herb Sims, business agent, Operating Engineers 39; Dick Groulx, assistant secretary, Central Labor Council; Bill Le Fevre, Operating Engineers 39; Ed Reith, director Alameda County COPE; Edna Lallement, Building Service Employees 18; C. L. Dellums, secretary, Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters; Douglas Geldert, secretary, Building Service Employees 18; Randolph Maxey, Insurance Workers 30; Jay Johnson, East Bay Municipal Employees 390, and Al Chammorro, Barbers 134.

BTC rejects bond plan for COPE picnic tickets

An "incentive plan" to spur sales of COPE Labor Day picnic tickets was voted down by the Building Trades Council Tuesday night.

Tickets for the picnic, to be held at the Alameda County Fair Grounds in Pleasanton, are available to unions in the Building Trades office at the Labor Temple.

J. L. Childers, BTC business representative, reported that some locals already have picked up their tickets.

The plan to offer a \$50 U. S. savings bond to the member and a \$25 bond to the local union selling the most COPE Labor Day picnic tickets was defeated after Joe Hightower of Carpenters 36 branded it as "unfair."

Hightower said: "\$25 won't encourage anybody to sell tickets." Dan Guzzi of Carpenters 1622 had suggested the plan.

When Childers announced that tickets are available, Anders Larsen of Carpenters 36 questioned the legality of using union money to buy them.

Childers explained that union money can't be used in this way to support candidates for fed-

eral offices, but it is legal to back state candidates thus.

COPE, Childers said, keeps separate books on funds for federal and state candidates to conform with the law on this subject.

C. E. Risley of Carpenters 36 stressed that all BTC union members must get in and sell tickets.

"Don't just leave it up to the treasurer," Risley said.

BUMPER STRIPS

Childers reported that he has more "Miller for Congress" and "Cohelan for Congress" bumper strips in his office for distribution at union meetings.

Delegates voted to buy one ticket to a \$100-a-plate Democratic fund raising dinner in San Francisco June 1. Business representative Childers will attend.

Dan Longaker, chairman of the Alameda County Democratic Central Committee, wrote a letter asking the council to support the dinner, which will raise funds to help elect Democratic legislators in California.

Marvin Edwards of Painters 127 announced that Ed Fitzgerald

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Store clerks fight boot tactics by Kinney Shoe Corp.

Department and Specialty Store Employees 1265 is continuing its efforts to conduct informational picketing at the Kinney Shoe Corp., 10323 E. 14th St., despite Landrum-Griffin and NLRB roadblocks.

Roland C. Davis, union attorney, told the Central Labor Council this week that the 9th U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals has scheduled a hearing on the case.

The NLRB — the "Eisenhower board" — may have won a few battles, but the union will win the war, Davis predicted.

Under current NLRB interpretation of the Landrum-Griffin Law, Davis told council delegates, unions can conduct informational picketing only until a representation election is held.

The corporation forced an "expedited" election to block the informational picketing, Davis said, over union protests. This election was scheduled on three days' notice.

The latest union appeal was filed after Federal Judge Woltenberg ruled against the union recently. In the meantime, the

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HOW TO BUY

Patios, carports—beware tricks!

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS

Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

Aluminum covered patios and carports are becoming a popular item. For \$200-\$300, not counting the cost of the slab, you can have an outdoor living area sheltered from sun and rain which also can protect your car in bad weather.

But leave it to the fringe of high-pressure promoters to seize on this idea as they previously did on storm windows and food freezers.

The chief trick is bait advertising. For example, one firm advertised "all aluminum" carports or patios for \$77, usually to sell for \$249. But the FTC reports, the salesmen disparaged the advertised patio and sought to sell much more expensive models. They frequently succeeded. For it turned out that the advertised patio was not all aluminum but had wood posts and rafters. Nor, of course, was the wall or floor shown in the ad included in the \$77 price.

Another trick used by sellers is to say you will get a reduction for allowing the patio or carport to be used for showing other prospects. This is the notorious "model home demonstration" technique often used by equipment promoters to gull buyers into making a deal.

A third trick is to get your name on a piece of paper which later turns out to be a contract. A pretext used by some canvassers is to ask you to "please sign this so my boss will know I was here."

It's best not to buy from the small sample that the salesman brings. The salesman should be willing to meet you at the showroom to see a full-size sample of the canopy the firm provides. You want to examine the actual quality and compare with offerings of other firms before you sign any "papers."

It's also advisable to ask your local Better Business Bureau if there have been any complaints against the firm.

You need to be especially careful in buying a patio-carport because a poor installation by a hit-and-run promoter can cause as much grief as overpaying. If the canopy is to be attached to the house, a careless installer can damage the house shingles. He also may neglect to use enough screws to make the canopy true, level and secure, or force-fit it so the line is distorted, or fail to get the required building permit.

If you already have a concrete slab, installing just the canopy may cost \$200-\$300, depending on the size. You can cut the cost further if you want to install it yourself. Reasonable installation charges run about \$25-\$40.

If you need the slab, you have to expect to pay another \$250-\$300 for a good one. The slab should be properly laid with foundations deep enough so it can be used later for a garage.

Generally a carport costs about half the price of a garage.

Patio-carports can be erected with wood, aluminum or steel posts. The aluminum are a little more expensive but require least maintenance.

Check the quality and weight of the posts especially, advises the National Combination Storm Window and Door Institute. Trylon posts are good, but square posts are sometimes stronger. In either case, make sure the material used is heavy gauge. Tube stock is preferred for rigidity.

Wear cotton when it rains

A new water-repellent treatment for cotton has been developed by the United States Department of Agriculture. The fabric finish keeps water out but lets the air come through, the government agency reports.

The chemical, an alloy of two silicon compounds, may be desirable for cotton rainwear because it will increase the comfort of the wearer, the agency notes. The treatment has not been applied commercially to date.

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To the Ladies: FROM the EDITOR

JUNE 7 is not very far away now, and that is the date the women as well as the men in this California we like to believe is a democracy have their opportunity to vote in the primary election.

There is serious danger that many voters will stay away from the primary, thinking it isn't worth bothering with because no opponent has showed up against the candidates they're interested in.

But if you don't turn out and vote for your candidate, and if many others fail to do so, then the vote for that candidate will be low, when the figures are published, and people will get the impression that he hasn't got a chance in the general election. Remember that people prone to vote for anti-labor candidates are usually better-off folk who have developed the habit of voting in all elections, and so, while our candidates are getting a low vote in the primary through our neglect, our opponents are getting a high vote.

COHELAN AND MILLER, Congressman Jeffery Cohelan in the 7th District, and Congressman George P. Miller in the 8th District, are two men organized labor is very anxious to reelect. There are so many enemies of labor in Congress now that it would be preposterous for us to slack back and lose what friends we have there.

If you're in the 8th District, which roughly can be described as being below the Lake, why not get a Miller bumper strip on your automobile? You can get one at the Labor Temple free of charge. If you're in the 7th District, above the Lake, how about getting a bumper strip for Cohelan? You can get it at the Central Labor Council office in the Labor Temple, too. Or you can get either of them at East Bay Labor Journal, 1622 East 12th street.

LET'S NOT LOSE our friends in Congress.

Let's all vote in the primary on June 7.

All five of 'em

"My son in Hollywood," she said, "has visited me every summer for five years, bringing his wife with him, and they were all five of them nice."

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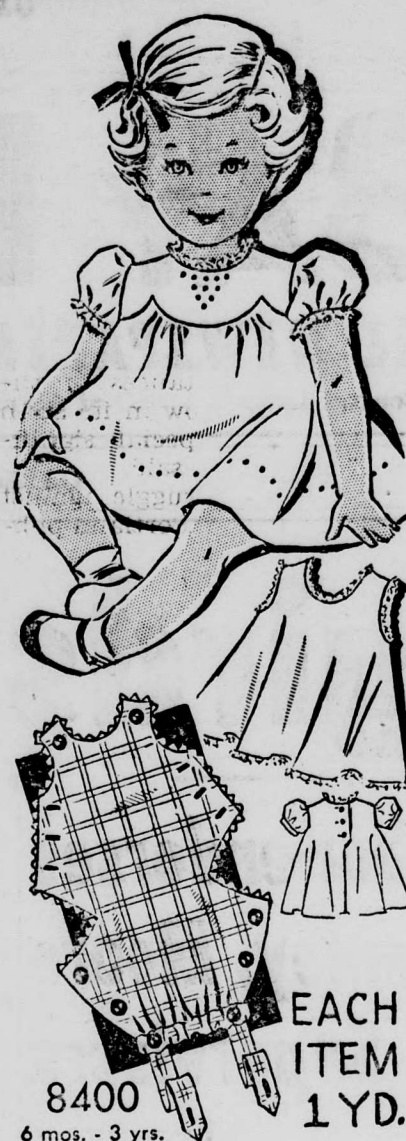
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Outdoor cooks in luxury

Outdoor cooks can rough it in luxury these days.

The barbecue boom has prompted such a wealth of glamorous gadgets that the backyard looks fancier than the kitchen. Steaks that once sizzled on \$9.95 braziers now can get a \$400 grilling. Meat can be dished up from a combination carving board and warming pan that costs \$220 in aluminum and \$255 in brass.

It is estimated that Americans will spend \$100,000,000 for such accessories to cook more than 2,000,000,000 meals outdoors this summer. About 40 per cent of the families in the United States will fix and eat their meals outside during the year. This figure comes from Dean K. Phillips of the Diamond Match Company, which does a big business in charcoal briquettes. Families in the South and Southwest, Mr. Phillips says, will eat more meals outdoors than in.

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Women in This World

By EDITH McCONN

FEEL TENSE, all strung up, tied up in double bow knots? Well, that's good, believe it or not!

It not only shows that you are alive, in case you had any doubts, but it indicates sound mental and emotional health, according to a pamphlet recently distributed by the Alameda County Mental Health Association.

This leaflet, written by Dr. George Stevenson, and put out by the National Association for Mental Health, counsels us to cherish our tensions, for they are signals which alert us when we are threatened with danger and crisis.

Our tensions are what enable us to live through upsetting situations and bounce back when they are over. Thus, an occasional bout of anxiety and tension is quite normal.

Some people, of course, get more upset than others, and some get upset when there seems to be nothing to be upset over. Such tensions need to be attended to, either by ourselves, or perhaps, professional counsellors or psychiatrists. This helpful little leaflet, however, which you may get from your county by sending for, tells many "self-help" ways to deal with tensions.

Talk over your problems, it tells us. Don't bottle things up! Or, if you are on edge take a walk, work in the garden, take some exercise. Then think over your problem again.

Maybe you get angry too easily, maybe you quarrel too much. Try, then, to remember that the other fellow might be right sometimes!

If you worry too much about yourself or your problems, try thinking about someone else, or try doing something for someone. And don't be too critical!

Don't try to cope with everything at once, many women, especially, get overwhelmed by the stack-up of work or problems so often facing them. Take one at a time, and forget the others until you have dealt with the one in hand.

Above all, don't get tense because you are worried about being tense! Remember, it is normal.

Why not pass this copy of the East Bay Labor Journal to a friend of yours when you are finished reading it!

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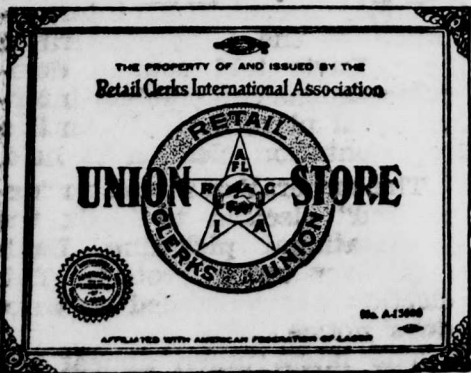
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Labor recommends Moore and Stanley for Supervisors

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Labor Journal, 1622 East 12th Street.

Following are the candidates recommended by labor's COPE:

CONGRESS DISTRICTS

7. Jeffery Cohelan (D)
8. George P. Miller (D)

ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS

13. Carlos Bee (D)
14. Robert W. Crown (D)
15. Nicholas C. Petris (D)
16. Wilma B. Hackett (D)
17. William B. Rumford (D)
18. Edw. R. FitzSimmons (D)

SUPERVISOR DISTRICTS

1. Chester "Chet" Stanley
2. Boliver Moore

There will be two propositions on the June 7 ballot in both of which labor is greatly interested:

Proposition "A": Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash was authorized by that body to write the argument AGAINST this proposal to make the office of County Superintendent of Schools appointive. Recommendation, therefore: Vote NO on "A".

Proposition "C": This is the proposal to fluoridate the East Bay Municipal Utilities District water supply for the benefit of the health of users, especially the children. Both the national AFLCIO and the local labor movement have strongly endorsed a YES vote on "C".

Crippled Children group approves fluoridation

The Crippled Children's Society of Alameda County passed a resolution endorsing the fluoridation of the East Bay Municipal Utility District's water supply, recommending a "yes" vote for fluoridation on the June 7 ballot.

CLC delegates

The following delegates to the Central Labor Council have been obligated by President Russ Crowell: Bernard Walsh, Fire Fighters 55; John W. Quirk, Ronald Paul, Commercial Telegraphers 208.

Portland & newspaper strikers need money, says the AFLCIO

The AFLCIO Executive Council has given its full endorsement to 800 striking newspaper workers in Portland, Ore., and has condemned publishers' use of a "huge strike insurance pool" and their importation of professional strikebreakers.

Special circumstances of the Portland strike, now in its sixth month, give it special significance, the council said.

"First, it is a struggle against an attempt by the Portland publishers to weaken or wipe out terms of employment which have been established for years," the AFLCIO leaders declared.

"Second, the publishers are being financed by a huge strike insurance pool created by the American Newspaper Publishers Association.

"Third, the struck newspapers are being manned by professional strikebreakers on a scale unprecedented in this generation.

"There are grave reasons to suspect that the strike is a laboratory for the newspaper owners, where they are testing the possibility of destroying union organization throughout their industry.

"This test cannot be allowed to succeed. If it does, it may become a pattern in other cities and other industries."

Asking all unions to support the Portland strikers, the council said their fight is of the deepest concern to the entire labor movement.

"We shall not," it said, "let these workers be defeated, for their defeat would signal a new outbreak of industrial warfare throughout the land."

Another statement, in support of anti-strikebreaker legislation, said Portland newspaper owners have been able to resist the "just demands of their employees for almost six months only through the use of professional strikebreakers, imported from out of the state and underwritten by strike insurance.

Noting that strikebreakers are an old story to labor and have "spread their stench" through the entire industrial history of America, the council said newspaper strikebreaking has developed to a point that a central

agency is now maintained to "book scabs into newspaper strikes wherever they occur."

The Oregon Journal and the Oregonian, the latter a part of the S. I. Newhouse chain, have imported nearly 200 professional strikebreakers from all over the United States and have hired hundreds of others in the Portland area, the council said.

The council asked all affiliates to support anti-strikebreaker legislation in states and cities along the lines proposed by the Portland unions. It directed legal and legislative departments of the AFLCIO to "work for the introduction and enactment of appropriate Federal legislation to ban the recruiting of strikebreakers by outside parties, and the employment of professional strikebreakers.

The striking unions have named Rene J. Valentine of the Typographical Union as strike coordinator and opened a central strike headquarters. Unions have been asked to send contributions to him at Room 714, Roosevelt Hotel, Portland, Ore. — AFLCIO News.

Three Federation heads, Jew, Protestant, Catholic honored in cathedral

WASHINGTON—In a solemn dedication service at Washington Cathedral, members of three religious faiths honored the memory of Samuel Gompers, first president and architect of the former American Federation of Labor; William Green, his successor for 28 years, and Philip Murray, president of the former Congress of Industrial Organizations from 1940 until his death in 1952.

Three stained glass windows, memorializing the labor pioneers and flanked by the seals of 103 AFL-CIO unions, were formally presented, accepted and dedicated at services attended by 1,000 persons, including the President of the United States. — AFLCIO News.

Look for the union shop card, ask for a union clerk to serve you, and demand the union label!

Crafts to probe Laney two-year degree policy

Representatives of 52 crafts taught at Laney campus of Oakland City College will attend a meeting to investigate a new policy under which students must enroll for two years and work for an Associate in Arts degree.

Fred Brooks of Pressmen's 125 asked the Central Labor Council to sponsor the meeting after saying the new policy is "being shoved down our throats." No date was scheduled.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!

Buy union label hats, Ann Draper tells CLC

Ann Draper of the Hatters Institute said this week that at least two Oakland stores are selling Resistol hats, which do not bear the union label.

She checked and found that a number of union officers had bought the hats, she told the Central Labor Council. The hats are made in Texas by a company which has recognized the union at one plant but is stalling in contract negotiations.

"We don't stop becoming union members when we become consumers," the hatters' representative told council delegates.

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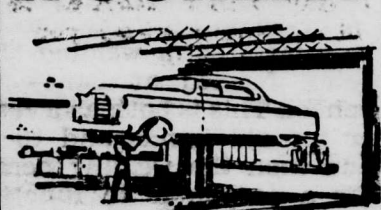
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Sheet Metal Snips

By AL ARELLANO

In a recent publication of the Industrial Press Service which is the rag put out by the National Association of Manufacturers, they came out with a full page add against On-site Picketing Bill together with a ballot calling for: "I am for" or "I am against" vote. The statements listed are so ambiguous that if you vote "for" it shows you as a selfish closed shop union man and if you vote "against" it puts a "halo" on you.

UNIONISM IS BROTHERHOOD

Unlike industrial unions who are allowed to picket their plant to enforce conditions, the building craftsman has only the job site to protect himself from low paid scabs who are there to undermine the economy of the skilled building craftsman. Write your Congressman and Senator now, instructing him to vote for HR 9070. Incidentally, HR 9070 has already passed the full committee on a 21 to 5 vote; 18 Democrats and 3 Republicans "for" and 3 Republicans and 2 Democrats "against".

UNIONISM IS BROTHERHOOD

The second request for a dollar for local COPE is now out, so save a dollar and do your bit. The Sheet Metal Workers have to get rid of 600 tickets; along with each donation a chance is given on a valuable prize. This year's picnic and drawing is being held at the Alameda County Fairgrounds at Pleasanton.

UNIONISM IS BROTHERHOOD

The dollar you give to COPE is like the \$5,000 to \$25,000 being

asked for by the Committee to Save American Politics a Republican organization.

UNIONISM IS BROTHERHOOD

Did you know that one third of the wealth of this country is owned by 1% of the population?

Hayward Painters 1178

By WILEY H. MOUNTJOY

If you have a desire to serve the local, express yourself at the next meeting, special, May 20th for nomination of officers and delegates.

By this time our president Ray Conklin, will have been through major surgery at Washington Township Hospital for correction of vertebra and damaged nerve - - We all pray this will be 100% effective.

Did you ask to see work cards this week? You may be working with a suspended member or a non-union painter.

On file in the office is a copy of 1st Quarter Audit of our Welfare Fund. You may examine this at any time during business hours.

Business Representative Leroy Barstow has been covering Contra Costa area part time for Pat Lane who is laid up with a knee operation.

It all depends on your point of view . . . To Americans Paul Revere is a hero - but to the British he is just a blabbermouth.

Your day is lost if you do not have at least one unselfish thought.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!

Painters Local No. 127

By MARVIN EDWARDS

Sad news for the local again. Our old, and wonderful friend, Brother Lou Horning, passed away on Sunday. Though the body has departed, the spirit of our dead brothers will remain with us, for who can forget the things they taught us . . . the examples they set?

Spent several hours Monday evening at Laney Trades with the principal and teacher making preliminary plans for our "wall-covering" classes.

There will have to be two classes. The first will be for beginners and cover the basic techniques of paper hanging. The second, for men with some previous experience, will cover the new materials and methods.

We are confronted with several problems at this point so will work on them next. It seems that the new materials are quite expensive and the school cannot stretch its budget to purchase them, so I will have to contact the manufacturers of the goods to see if they will donate enough for the classes. Also, we have to find wall space at the school for hanging the stuff. The principal said he will get on that immediately.

The men who take part in the classes will be asked to provide their own basic tools also. So be prepared for that. I will try to have a list of those required in next week's column.

The 26th of this month the local will hold nominations for officers and delegates to central bodies. Your presence is requested.

If you are at all interested in your union, your future working conditions or your bread and butter, you will attend your union meetings.

Steamfitters Local 342

By JIM MARTIN

It may interest you to know that the nation's cost of living crept upward to an all-time record in March, with further increases expected in the months ahead, according to the Labor Department's monthly report.

Food prices, showing the first rise in six months, pushed up the Consumer Price Index by 0.1 per cent from February to a level of 125.7. This means the market basket which cost \$1 in the 1947-49 base period now costs nearly \$1.26.

The 125.7 Consumer Price Index for March represented a 1.6 per cent increase over March of 1959. Medical care showed the greatest rise over the year, going up by 3.9 per cent; food showed no change from a year ago; housing was up 2 per cent; ap-

parel rose by 1.7 per cent; transportation was up by 1.1 per cent; reading and recreation rose 3.1 per cent, and personal care went up 2.3 per cent.

In connection with the employment situation, government figures show that the number of unemployed persons receiving benefit payments is more than one million greater than it was in September. Factory production has been dropping since January. Construction activity is less than a year ago. Department store sales since January 1 are less than a year ago. Sales of new cars are below what industry leaders had expected.

Also, it seems that management is not fooled by its own propaganda as personnel and industrial relations executives of large and small companies across the country apparently don't read the propaganda blasts of big business front groups which continually blame spiraling prices on wage increases. This has been revealed by the Bureau of National Affairs in a report on a personnel policies survey made during 1959 and 1960 among a representative cross-section of selected industry officials.

Asked about the so-called "wage-price" spiral, 56 per cent of the more than 100 officials queried declared there was "no relationship between wage boosts and price increases," while another 20 per cent said that only a "slight percentage" of their price hikes was traceable to wage increases.

Only 4 per cent of those taking part in the survey contended that 75 cents out of every \$1 in higher prices resulted directly from higher wages.

Our membership meeting, Thursday, June 2, 1960, has been designated as a Special Called meeting for the purpose of voting by secret ballot on the application of the 25 cents per hour increase, due July 1, 1960. The voting will be held in Hall "H," third floor of the Labor Temple, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

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PAUL HUDGINS, Treasurer

Let me call attention to the following from our Educational Committee Chairman, C. W. "Marshall" Dillon.

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As Chairman of the Educational Committee of your Credit Union, I would like to hear from you. I would like to hear your criticisms, suggestions, and ideas. My phone is KE 3-1660.

Steel Machinists I304

By DAVE ARCA

Cops, clubs, and conflict smudge the "City That Knows How." The Frisco dignitaries, may step up now, and take your bow. To the recent Spy Fiasco, add San Francisco's brutality. What revolting situations, in our Land of the Noble and Free. Dear Reader, please be concerned that our government lacks intelligence. While theirs are the stupid blunders, OURS is the consequence.

D--- Idiots. The exhibition of stupidity in both the Spy incident, and the S. F. Police brutality has jeopardized the prestige of our nation as its never been jeopardized before. If you think this isn't a labor problem, try to visualize atomic bombs blasting in the Bay Area, and destroying only employers. Can't be done. No matter how much wishful thing is involved. Seems logical to try to vote some brains into our Administration.

Better register to vote. While we can.

Chips and Chatter

By AL THOMAS

For those brothers who might be interested, a welding class is being formed at Laney Trade School. This is both as a refresher for old hands and to teach new men the welding necessary for a carpenter to function in this changing trade of ours and do this work for our craft.

Register at Laney Trade, 4th Avenue and East Tenth Street. Cost is \$12 for 36 hours. First class will begin June 25, from 8 a.m. to noon. Classes will last for nine weeks, more if needed. First enrollment is limited to 24. So get registered early.

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You are herewith officially notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland 12, California.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally,
A. J. HAYES,
Recording Secretary

HAYWARD CULINARY 823

All three meetings of this union will be held on the third Tuesday of the month, the first at 9:30 a.m. the second at 2:30 p.m., and the third at 8:00 p.m. at the union headquarters.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, June 21,

Fraternally,
ROY WOODS,
Secretary-Treasurer

CARPENTERS 1158

There was a Special Called meeting May 16, 1960 at 8:00 p.m. at Finnish Hall at 1970 Chestnut Street. In addition to the order of business, the special order was nomination of one trustee. The election will be on June 20, 1960, same time, same place.

Fraternally yours,
NICK AFDAMO,
Recording Secretary

PLUMBERS & GAS FITTERS 444

The next regular meeting of Plumbers & Gas Fitters 444 will be held on Wednesday, May 25, 1960 in Hall A on the first floor of the Labor Temple building, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, Calif., at 8:00 p.m.

1. Regular order of business.
 2. Joseph E. Smith, from the law offices of Smith, Parish, Paduck & Clancy, will address the meeting and bring the members current with the changes in the Workmen's Compensation Act at 8:30 p.m.
 3. Edward Reith, director of the Alameda County Council on Political Education, will address the meeting at 9:00 p.m.
 4. Monday, May 30, 1960, Memorial Day, is a holiday for plumbers.
- We will be having a very interesting speaker for the evening. Therefore you should make every effort to attend the meeting and be prompt.

Fraternally yours,
BEN H. BEYNON,
Business Manager &
Financial Sec.-Treas.

CARPENTERS 194, 1158 & 1473

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Department M

CARPENTERS 36

There will be no meeting Friday, May 27, 1960 as it is the Memorial Day week-end.

Stewards will meet Thursday at 8:00 p.m., May 19, 1960.

The Educational Committee will meet Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. May 25, 1960.

All meetings will be held at Carpenters Hall, 761 - 12th Street, Oakland, Calif.

Fraternally yours,
OSCAR N. ANDERSON,
Recording Secretary

HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF ELECTION. To elect one Trustee and Delegates of Local 1622, will be held Friday, June 10, 1960 at the Labor Temple, 1050 Mattox Road, Hayward. The polls will be open from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for voting. The Trustee office will be a 3 year term. The delegates will be to the California State Council of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, the California State Federation of Labor, AFLCIO, the Building and Construction Trades Council of Alameda County, Alameda County COPE and two members of the local's Sick Committee for three years.

Regular meetings will be held each Friday at 8:00 p.m. at the Labor Temple unless otherwise specified. A Stag Social for members will follow the May 27 meeting.

Commencing with the month of May the Alameda County Blood Bank mobile unit is being stationed at the Labor Temple every 3rd Monday. Hours from 2:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. each month until further notice. The public is invited and asked to donate blood for this worthy cause.

Fraternally yours,
MARIUS WALDAL,
Recording Secretary

CLERKS, LUMBER HANDLERS 939

A special called meeting will be held Friday, May 27, 1960, at 8:00 p.m. in Hall "A" at the Labor Temple.

This meeting is being held for the purpose of discussing negotiations for a new collective bargaining agreement. It is important that you attend this meeting.

Fraternally yours,
A. R. ESTES,
Recording Secretary

BERKELEY PAINTERS LOCAL 40

Our next meeting of May 27, 1960, has been designated a special call for the purpose of nominations for one trustee to serve a three-year term.

Fraternally yours,
CLARENCE SLATER,
Recording Secretary

PAINTERS LOCAL 127

SPECIAL NOTICE: Attention, Members!

At the special called meeting Monday, May 9, the members present voted to make the next meeting date Thursday, May 26, 1960. This will be a special meeting to nominate officers and delegates for your local for the next two years.

There was a good turnout for the last special meeting, and hope to see more at the next special meeting May 26.

Fraternally,
ED GULBRANSEN,
Recording Secretary

UNITED STEELWORKERS 1798

NOMINATION NOTICE

Friday, May 20, 1960, 8:00 p.m. Hall C (First Floor), 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland.

Candidates for the offices of local union president, vice president, recording secretary, financial secretary, treasurer, guard, board of trustees (3 members) and executive board (5 members) will be nominated from the floor.

ELIGIBILITY . . . Article III, Section 4 (a). He shall have been in continuous good standing for 24 months immediately preceding the election.

(b) He must have attended at least one-half of the regular meetings of his Local Union for 24 months prior to the election, unless his Union activities or working hours prevented his attendance.

Thank you.

Fraternally,
DOROTHY McDAID,
Recording Secretary

STEAMFITTERS LOCAL 342

NOTICE!

June 2, 1960 has been designated as a special called meeting for the purpose of voting by secret ballot on the application of our 25¢ increase, due under our collective bargaining agreement.

It is very important that you attend this meeting.

Fraternally yours,
JAMES H. MARTIN,
Fin. Sec'y., Bus. Mgr.

UNITED STEELWORKERS 4468

Regular meetings held 2nd Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at Eagles Hall, 1228 - 36th Avenue, Oakland.

Fraternally,
FRANK V. McINTOSH,
Recording Secretary

STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Regular meeting Thursday, May 19th, 8:00 p.m. Executive Board meets at 6:30 p.m. COPE Director Ed Reith will address the meeting. Please attend.

Nominations for 1304 officers on June 2nd. Elections June 16th.

Fraternally,
D. ARCA,
Recording Secretary

HAYWARD PAINTERS 1178

On Friday, May 20, there will be a special meeting following the regular meeting. At the special meeting officers of Local 1178 will be nominated, and delegates to our affiliates, to be elected later. The date of the election will be announced later.

Yours fraternally,
ROBERT G. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

TEAMSTERS & ILWU, jointly negotiating with the warehouse owners in San Francisco, are reaching a crucial state, say Joe Dillon and Lou Goldblatt.

Carpenters Auxiliary in Hayward plans a Fishin' Party Sunday, May 22nd

Carpenters Hall, 1050 Mattox Road, Hayward, will be the setting for a "Fishin' Party" staged by Carpenters Auxiliary 465, Sunday, May 22, 6:30 p.m. This is a fund-raising event for benefit of the charitable projects assisted by this group of women. These include summer camps for boys through the Salvation Army, and a ward at Fairmount Hospital.

President of Auxiliary 465 Mrs. J. O. Hindmarsh is general chairman of this "fun and frivolity" event. Assisting Mrs. Hindmarsh will be: Mrs. Gus D. Toensing as warden, Mrs. Everett Babcock, sheriff, and Mrs. Raymond Lane, judge. Fishing pools will be conducted by Mrs. Anthony C. Lopez and Suzie Terrill. What-not booth will be in charge of Mrs. Roy Pugh and Mrs. Brick Hoyer.

Carpenters and their wives are invited to attend, also friends of the members of the Auxiliary.

STEELWORKERS 3367 have a new agreement with Pacific States Steel under which the loser pays all of the costs of arbitration. Roby Pierce told the CLC he believes the provision will keep either side from jumping into arbitration.

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WASHINGTON — Private insurance companies have failed to provide policies to meet the health needs of the aged and Federal legislation "is necessary if our older citizens are to have health security," an expert in the field of administrative medicine has told a Senate Subcommittee on Problems of the Aged and Aging.

Asst. Prof. Frank van Dyke of Columbia University's School of Public Health, said he reached this conclusion on the basis of five years of work with the New York State Legislative Committee on Health Insurance Plans, the New York State Insurance Dept. and a number of private groups.—AFLCIO News.

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Labor Temple Auxiliary

By EMMA VICE

Last April the Labor Temple Women's Auxiliary held their annual election. The officers elected were President, Gladys Lear; Past President, Virginia Draxten; Vice President, Hazel Rasmussen; Recording Secretary, Emma Vice; Financial Secretary, Jessie Houston; Treasurer, Opal Lawrence; Chaplain, Naomi Vercelli; Musician, Pearl Scott; Marshall, Bess Stephens; Sentinel, Evelyn Richardson; Trustees, Katherine Stewart, Anne Kirby, Marge O'Donnell, Tillie Bartmess.

On May 7th a dinner and installation was held at Cock o' the Walk. The tables were decorated very pretty by Gladys Lear and Opal Lawrence. There was a very good attendance. We were all pleased to have Patti Greaves and Esther Davis with us. They had not been out for some time.

Installing Marshals were Pauline Tomsic and Juanita Sals. Chaplain, Inez Wager; Recording Secretary, Bess Hunt.

Past Presidents Club will meet at the home of Aline Haake, May 17th.

Next meeting will be held at the Labor Temple June 7th. No meeting in July.

House Committee defies Ike 'freeze'

WASHINGTON — The House Post Office and Civil Service Committee has reported a 9 per cent pay raise bill for Federal workers in the face of strong Administration opposition.

Defying President Eisenhower's demand for a pay freeze pending a salary survey scheduled to be completed after Congress adjourns, the committee voted 16-to-4 for a bill which would raise salaries of 1,700,000 government postal and white collar workers either 9 per cent or \$350—whichever is higher—effective July 1. Congressional and judicial employees would also be included.

Committee action came as the AFLCIO Executive Council adopted a resolution branding "the stalling and stalemating tactics of the Administration" on pay legislation as "despicable."

Committee Chairman Tom Murray (Tenn.) was the only Democrat reported voting against the salary proposal, which was pared down from the 12 per cent originally sought by the AFLCIO Government Employees Council.—AFLCIO News.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!

\$11,500 loss to \$15,000 home buyer caused by GOP's policy

Testimony on the shocking cost of Eisenhower "tight money" policies to wage earner families who may still be able to afford the purchase of a new home in the current "bankers'" housing market was presented to the State's Consumer Counsel in San Francisco on behalf of Thomas L. Pitts, secretary-treasurer of the California Labor Federation, AFLCIO.

Mrs. Helen Nelson, the state's first Consumer Counsel, was presented with an array of carefully developed statistics demonstrating how the high interest rates fostered by Ike's "tight money" policies are taking \$11,500 out of the pocket of the workingman's family which assumes a \$15,000 mortgage in today's housing market.

Under these conditions of "legalized" robbery, it was noted that construction of homes to meet the needs of the nation's middle income families, the elderly and minority groups, has been made prohibitive. Yet these groups constitute the bulk of the potential housing market.

The San Francisco hearing was the fourth of a series being conducted by Mrs. Nelson in various parts of the state on the subject of "Credit—Its Uses and Abuses."

Federation testimony followed the presentation of massive evi-

dence of continued discrimination by mortgage brokers in the San Francisco Bay Area, and testimony on the importance of low cost financing to meet the housing needs of minority-group families.

The state AFLCIO statement outlined how the 4.5 per cent mortgage money rate prevailing in 1953 when the Eisenhower Administration went to work has become an effective 7.2 per cent rate under his Administration's "tight money" policies, which have virtually turned the housing market over to "conventional" financing.

It was pointed out that the home buyer undertaking a 25-year \$15,000 mortgage today at the 7 per cent interest rate is saddled with monthly payments \$22.64 higher than those involved at the 4.5 per cent interest rate prevailing in 1953. Over the 300-month life of the loan, the home buyer is forced to pay the lender an additional \$6,972.

"But that's only half the story," Federation researchers told Mrs. Nelson. "If the home buyer had been able to hold on to his \$22.64 monthly and had invested these savings semi-annually at 4 per cent throughout the mortgage period his savings would have developed a total value of \$11,489.21"—California Labor Federation.

Region Organizer John Owens dies

John A. Owens, staff organizer with AFLCIO regional office in California and Nevada, died May 9 of a heart attack while hospitalized for treatment.

AFLCIO Regional Director Dan Flanagan said that the loss of Brother Owens will be keenly felt in those areas of California where he has spent long hours working with local union officials to resolve trade union problems and further the progress of the AFLCIO movement in California. Brother Owens, among his many friends in the labor movement, was known as a most capable and sincere representative of the working people—California Labor Federation.

For fluoridation

More than a thousand public health workers convening for the annual meeting of the Northern California Public Health Association at the Castlewood Country Club in Pleasanton endorsed the fluoridation of public water supplies. The proposal will be on the June 7 ballot.

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Do you pay tax on embezzled income?

Russ Crowell, president of the Central Labor Council, described an "entirely new field of opportunity" this week.

Speaking before the labor council, Crowell said he had just learned that the U. S. Supreme Court will rule whether embezzled income is subject to federal income tax.

This is of particular interest to Crowell, who represents AFLCIO Dry Cleaners 3009.

The case in question involves Eugene C. James, international president of the expelled Laundry and Dry Cleaners Union. He wasn't aware that there was any doubt whether this money was taxable, the CLC president said.

Chet Stanley campaign rally at Newark Friday

The Committee for the Re-election of Chet Stanley as Supervisor in the First Supervisorial District is holding a mass meeting in the Newark pavilion Friday, May 20, at 8:00 p.m. The public is invited. Stanley has been recommended to the voters in the June 7 primary election by organized labor's COPE.

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ald of the Painters Union had been elected secretary of the 13th Assembly District Committee on Political Education.

HOUSING CODE

Childers, in a report on a meeting with the Assembly Subcommittee on the Housing Code, said there seemed to be general agreement that the code needs to be brought up to date.

There also is considerable sentiment for a truly uniform building code for all cities and counties in California, Childers told delegates. He pointed out that so-called "uniform codes" at present vary greatly.

In addition to uniform codes for various years, with local amendments differing from place to place, some even anticipate what they expect next year's code will be, according to Childers.

Many agricultural areas, including parts of the San Joaquin and Sacramento valleys, now have no building code, and a uniform code would help combat non-union and sub-standard construction in these areas, Childers said he believes.

In another housing matter, Childers was delegated to attend Governor Brown's Conference on Housing at Los Angeles June 13-15. He will seek support for an Alameda County BTC resolution asking for California mortgage authority.

The Alameda County resolution already has the support of the State Building Trades Council. Local delegates hope to bring it before the California Labor Federation convention in August.

CO-OP HOUSING

The council's cooperative housing project, Childers reported, is "over most of the hurdles." The business representative said his office receives phone calls and letters daily asking about the project.

"As soon as we legally can do so, we will mail information to these people," Childers said.

FREMONT BONDS

At the request of Thomas Almond of Carpenters 36, the council endorsed the eight million dollar Fremont bond issue to be held June 7.

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election has been held. Unless the appeal is successful, Local 1265 faces a lengthy two-year hassle with the NLRB process.

Another hearing on a NLRB plea to stop the informational picketing will be held in Federal Court in San Francisco Tuesday. The NLRB has scheduled a hearing June 14 on charges the union is using the informational picketing to organize employees.

"The area of free speech in labor activities is rapidly being cut down," Davis declared.

But, Davis said, this is believed to be the first time since the Landrum-Griffin law that a union has stood up to the NLRB on this issue.

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R. L. BURGESS, Editor
35th Year, Number 8 May 20, 1960

Then there's the great military man, etcetera

President Eisenhower told his news conference last week that record levels of production and employment had been reached in April, and that "the achievement of these high levels is proof of the great strength of our free enterprise system and its promise for the future."

Yet as the political head of that free enterprise system he has so little confidence in it that he thinks it couldn't afford to set a minimum wage of \$1.25 per hour, a bare \$50 a week if a person worked the full 40 hours.

Also as political head of that free enterprise system he insists that we must economize by paying higher and higher rates of interest. Then, too, we mustn't set up a system of providing medical care for the aged through a decent insurance system operated under Social Security—we must take one and a fifth billions a year and feed it out to private insurance companies.

Ralph Waldo Emerson said on a famous occasion that a person shouldn't try too hard to avoid inconsistency. That's one thing Mr. Eisenhower, on the surface, at least, doesn't do: he doesn't try too hard to avoid inconsistency. Of course, underneath the surface all his policies do pretty well by the rich and pretty poorly by the poor.

Then there's the great military leader whose Administration didn't know it was engaged in espionage, then suddenly remembered that it was, told the world so, and ran out on its man.

Forensicators' raid

As law after law is passed against labor it becomes a common saying that lawyers are going to make more and more money. But how about the laws FOR labor?

Well, in St. Louis the Bar Association has brought charges against Edward M. Tod, director of community services for the city's AFLCIO, of practicing law without a license. Tod violated the law, the forensicators claim, by advising union members of their rights in workmen's compensation cases and unemployment compensation cases.

Seven days of hearings have been held by a commissioner appointed by the Missouri Supreme Court, and he will rule after studying many pages of testimony, and hearing many arguments.

Labor unions have many good friends who are lawyers, but surely the Missouri AFLCIO is right in contending that unions have a right to do a few things without hiring a lawyer.

Through the stained glass

In the midst of nationwide discussion over the religion of Presidential candidates, a dramatic event in the national capital brought a reminder that men of various faiths have been presidents of our great labor federations. Three stained glass windows in the Washington Cathedral of the Episcopal Church were dedicated to the labor movement and as memorials to Samuel Gompers the Jew, William Green the Protestant, and Philip Murray the Catholic.

AFLCIO President Meany at the ceremony, which was participated in by the President of the United States, said truly that the three memorialized leaders "exemplified the finest traditions of American labor," and that "despite differences of background they shared a common belief in the dignity of labor and the basic dignity of the individual human being."

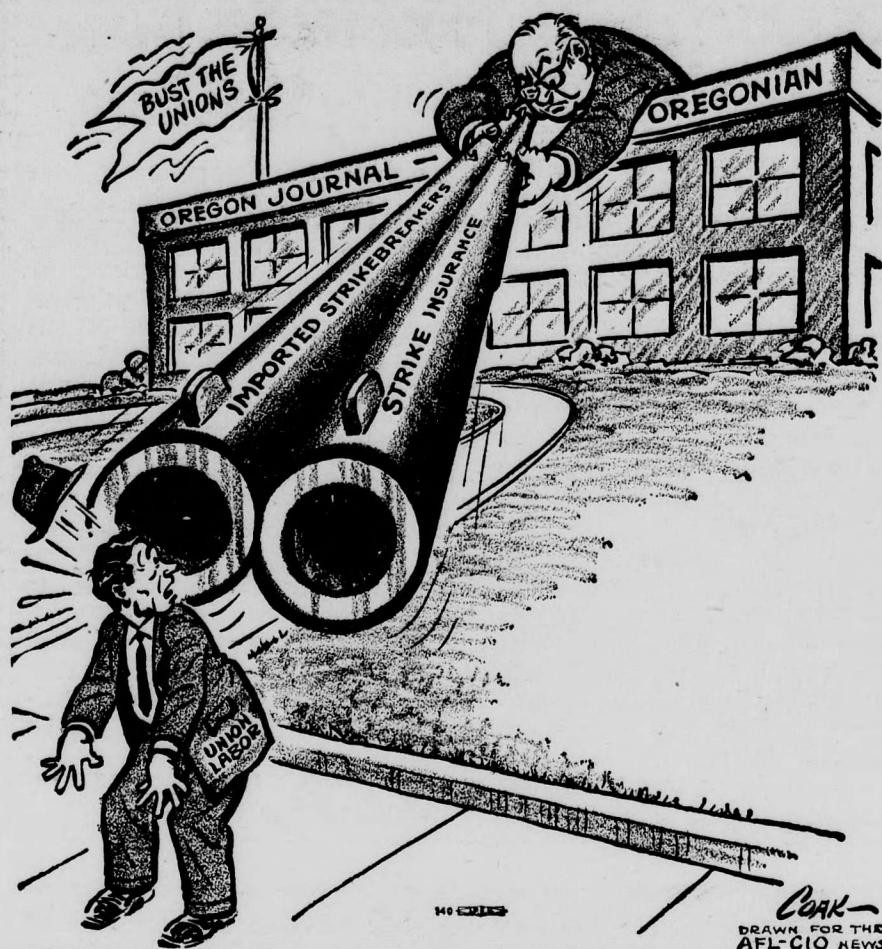
Through the stained glass you can see hope for America.

Some sound doctrine

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce at its 48th annual gathering held recently in Washington did listen a good deal of the time to men like Senator Goldwater telling them exactly what should be done about and to organized labor. But the Chamber does deserve credit for turning up one nonconformist in their own ranks, who addressed the final dinner meeting of the session.

This was Charles H. Percy, president of the Bell & Howell Company, a camera manufacturer. He told the assembled potentates that "if we cannot anticipate legitimate needs and care for them through private enterprise, we have no right to make anguished cries of 'welfare state' when the Government steps in" to consider medical insurance. He told 'em, too, that business has a virtual monopoly of television, and must ask itself what it's doing with that monopoly.

Portland Pattern



WHEN AMERICAN LABOR WAS YOUNG & GROWING

"When American Labor Was Still Young and Growing" is the headline the New York Times ran over a review by its labor expert, A. H. Raskin, of a book by Walter Galenson, professor of economics, University of California, entitled "The CIO Challenge to the AFL." Following is the major portion of Raskin's review:

American labor is suffering from an advanced case of hardening of the arteries. It is standing still in membership and organizational vigor at a time when radical changes in technology are revolutionizing industry in ways that may prove as dramatic as the more publicized developments in space travel and nuclear weapons. So tomblike is the torpor engulfing much of labor that it is startling to be reminded that only a quarter-century has passed since unions embarked on their period of most exciting growth.

The story of labor's march to expanded economic, political and social power in the tempestuous years from the passage of the Wagner Act to Pearl Harbor is told with distinction in this remarkable book. It makes available a store of material hitherto immured in the secret files of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations. Scholars seeking illumination on the split in organized labor and the manner in which the divided movement faced its challenges and opportunities will find it invaluable.

Inescapably the dominant single figure is John L. Lewis, that incredible blend of Napoleon, Machiavelli, Churchill and Shakespearean ham actor, who was chiefly responsible for the successful assault on the bastions of the open shop in the mass production industries. But this is much more than the Lewis story. It is the record of six years that brought a new sense of economic emancipation and dignity to millions of workers and caused a lasting shift in the national political balance.

The interrelation of union and social progress is handled with circumspection by Walter Galenson, professor of economics at the University of California, whose earlier studies in labor history already have established him as an outstanding practitioner in a field too little explored by social scientists. He makes no effort to fit the frenetic developments of the early New Deal years into a neat theoretical mold. Instead, he delineates the fascinating personal rivalries that made the warfare inside labor as bitter as the battles with Tom Girdler and Henry Ford.

Mr. Galenson's careful appraisal provides fresh evidence of the energy with which mod-

erates in both the craft-union and industrial-union camps searched for a basis of accommodation before the split settled into a 20-year period of separation. William Green, the Federation's well-intentioned but bumbling president, was in this group of frustrated peace-makers, along with David Dubinsky of the Ladies' Garment Workers, Sidney Hillman of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers and George M. Harrison of the Railway Clerks.

But Lewis torpedoed all efforts at conciliation. And it is clear from the record that such hard-shelled craft champions as William L. Hutchison of the Carpenters and Arthur O. Wharton of the Machinists would have blocked unity if Lewis had not slammed the door first.

In retrospect, there is reason for gratification that the peace moves failed. It is inconceivable that the AFL ever would have tackled the unionization of steel, automobiles, electrical manufacturing, rubber and other basic industries with the vigor, imagination or financial resources the CIO brought to bear. Its dynamism inevitably communicated itself to the moribund AFL, producing a rejuvenation of such tonic quality that the elder federation began growing even more rapidly than the prodigal it had cast out.

In the present period of static unionism, when the most discernible impact of four years of merger has been a return to somnolence, one may well ask whether Lewis and Philip Murray, his successor at the CIO helm, were not right in fearing that an end of competition in labor would also mean an end of vitality.

Mountain labored

Months ago, President Eisenhower set up a committee of 40 to develop long-range plans for the G.O.P. The committee selected 14 experts headed by the former economic assistant to the President to do the deep delving. The report, running 10,000 words, finally emerged.

Guess what? Among its chief recommendations are a national sales tax, a cut in corporate taxes and continuation of tax loopholes for oil companies. — The Hat Worker.

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INCOME TAX

Editor, Labor Journal:

After recently computing Federal and State taxes on my husband's and my combined income, I find there is a gross injustice in regard to the current child care exemption! Under the current law we could not deduct any child care expenses as we earned over \$4,800. Therefore, we paid income taxes to the State and Federal governments. Our babysitter, in turn, declared this money we paid her and also paid income taxes on the same. Yet the industries who paid my husband and me, and the stores where she spent her money, were taxed only on their actual profit! Wages for industries' employees are called OPERATING EXPENSES and are not taxed. I call this unfair to the average working parents.

I feel the \$4,800 ceiling is unjust because it is necessary for a working couple to secure competent child care. Hence, this is a necessary OPERATING EXPENSE and should be deductible in full from their income, providing proof can be furnished that such payment was actually made.

If the current tax law is changed to allow this deduction, I feel it will not only eliminate the present unjust treatment of working parents, but will also:

- 1—Help combat the juvenile delinquency problem, as it will encourage the working parents to have someone in the homes at all times, and
- 2—Aid the economy of the nation by providing more jobs for unskilled women . . .

Sincerely,

JOAN FROST,
Steward at Lucky Stores, Inc.
Member O.E.I.U., Local 29.

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CHESSMAN

Editor, Labor Journal:

Chessman's death will most likely force repeal of the barbaric death penalty, but it also gave the world another horrified look at the hooligans and political cowards that dominate our government today.

It's time the labor movement took a stand and fought for reforms that protect poor people, because Chessman was right in saying the death penalty, currently and historically, is used against the poor and helpless.

Progressive nations started years ago to discard the death penalty. Aside from being barbaric, it is a useless threat. Crime increases, revolutions come and go, and people battle for reforms in spite of the death penalty.

It would be refreshing indeed to see a few labor officials and labor editors take a vigorous stand for repeal of capital punishment. Political cowards like Brown and Mosk can go on siding with the hooligans as long as labor's leaders limit themselves to a sturdy defense of motherhood.

If I sound bitter it's because I feel that way.

C. L. JOHNSON,
Member, Millmen 550.

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INDUSTRIAL WAR

Remember a strike is industrial war. Minimum company objectives must be precisely defined in order to communicate them effectively . . . Never attack the employees in your communications. You want their good will when the strike is over. If you decide to undermine the power of the union by criticizing the irresponsibility of its leadership, do it deliberately, not as an emotional counter attack—Advice to employers in Dun's Review.